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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTTHOMAS G. BRUTON
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

for the

Northern District of Illinois



Eastern Division

1:21-cv-06511

Judge Robert W. Gettleman

Magistrate Judge Gabriel A. Fuentes

RANDOM

Charles Hurt

Case 1

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

-v-

ScriptPro LLC

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

Jury Trial: (check one)



Yes



No

COMPLAINT FOR EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION**I. The Parties to This Complaint****A. The Plaintiff(s)**

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name	Charles Hurt
Street Address	2230 S Kedzie Ave #2R
City and County	Chicago, Cook
State and Zip Code	Illinois, 60626
Telephone Number	773-680-9695
E-mail Address	charles.hurt@yahoo.com

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known). Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name	ScriptPro LLC
Job or Title <i>(if known)</i>	
Street Address	5828 Reeds Rd
City and County	Mission, Wyandotte
State and Zip Code	Kansas 66202
Telephone Number	(913) 213-4602
E-mail Address <i>(if known)</i>	

Defendant No. 2

Name	
Job or Title <i>(if known)</i>	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address <i>(if known)</i>	

Defendant No. 3

Name	
Job or Title <i>(if known)</i>	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address <i>(if known)</i>	

Defendant No. 4

Name	
Job or Title <i>(if known)</i>	
Street Address	
City and County	
State and Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
E-mail Address <i>(if known)</i>	

C. Place of Employment

The address at which I sought employment or was employed by the defendant(s) is

Name	ScriptPro LLC
Street Address	5828 Reeds Rd
City and County	Mission, Wyandotte
State and Zip Code	Kansas, 66202
Telephone Number	(913) 384-1008

II. Basis for Jurisdiction

This action is brought for discrimination in employment pursuant to *(check all that apply)*:



Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17 (race, color, gender, religion, national origin).

(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under Title VII, you must first obtain a Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)



Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as codified, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 to 634.

(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, you must first file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)



Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as codified, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12112 to 12117.

(Note: In order to bring suit in federal district court under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you must first obtain a Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.)



Other federal law *(specify the federal law)*:



Relevant state law *(specify, if known)*:



Relevant city or county law *(specify, if known)*:

III. Statement of Claim

Write a short and plain statement of the claim. Do not make legal arguments. State as briefly as possible the facts showing that each plaintiff is entitled to the damages or other relief sought. State how each defendant was involved and what each defendant did that caused the plaintiff harm or violated the plaintiff's rights, including the dates and places of that involvement or conduct. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

A. The discriminatory conduct of which I complain in this action includes *(check all that apply)*:

- ☒ Failure to hire me.
- ☒ Termination of my employment.
- ☐ Failure to promote me.
- ☒ Failure to accommodate my disability.
- ☐ Unequal terms and conditions of my employment.
- ☐ Retaliation.
- ☐ Other acts *(specify)*: _____

(Note: Only those grounds raised in the charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can be considered by the federal district court under the federal employment discrimination statutes.)

B. It is my best recollection that the alleged discriminatory acts occurred on date(s)
August 9, 2021

C. I believe that defendant(s) *(check one)*:

- ☒ is/are still committing these acts against me.
- ☐ is/are not still committing these acts against me.

D. Defendant(s) discriminated against me based on my *(check all that apply and explain)*:

- ☒ race _____
- ☒ color _____
- ☐ gender/sex _____
- ☒ religion _____
- ☒ national origin _____
- ☐ age *(year of birth)* _____ *(only when asserting a claim of age discrimination.)*
- ☐ disability or perceived disability *(specify disability)* _____

E. The facts of my case are as follows. Attach additional pages if needed.

[ATTACHMENT]

RE: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the Northern District of Illinois – Eastern Division

Plaintiff(s):

Charles Hurt

VS.

Defendant(s):

ScriptPro LLC

III. Statement of Claim

E. The facts of my case are as follows.

1. Plaintiff Charles Hurt is a United States citizen born in Michigan, who currently resides in Chicago, IL.
2. Defendant is a private pharmaceutical company with more than 700+ employees and a revenue of over \$201.5 M based in Kansas.
3. Defendant provides pharmacies with powerful robotics, software, and financial tools to grow revenue and leverage automation.
4. In or around June 2021, Plaintiff applied for a Training Specialist position at Defendant.
5. In or around July 2021, Plaintiff received a verbal job offer from Defendant at a rate of \$26/hr per hour (hourly rate x 40 hours per week x 52 weeks) = \$54,080, followed by a written employment contract.
6. In or around the first half of the month of August 2021, Defendant collected personal information from Plaintiff, related to Plaintiff's protected rights under the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
7. After Defendant's collection of Plaintiff's information, Plaintiff was notified during the week of August 16, 2021, that Plaintiff would not be employed to work at Defendant, as Plaintiff was scheduled to do so with other employees of similar position as Plaintiff.
8. Plaintiff believes to be discriminated against because of his race, Black, color, orangish, religion, and/or national origin, American in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

9. Defendant had a legal employment duty to Plaintiff which Defendant failed to adequately fulfill.
10. During the week of August 23, 2021, following Plaintiff's outreach to Defendant to inform Human Resources Department of the illegal activities conducted at Defendant, Defendant punished Plaintiff by ordering Plaintiff to "cease and desist" contact with any employees at Defendant.
11. As a result of decisions made with malice and/or disregard by Defendant, Plaintiff has not been allowed to continue work at Defendant since August 2021.
12. In accordance with Defendant's employment agreement, employees at Defendant are subject to a non-compete agreement which restricts opportunities that (former) employees at Defendant may apply for following employment.
13. Included in Defendant's employment contractual agreement, Plaintiff was guaranteed employment for a minimum of two years at Defendant.
14. Plaintiff has suffered severe emotional distress and been subject to loss wages as a result of termination from employment at Defendant.
15. According to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, this law is a federal law that protects employees against discrimination based on certain specified characteristics: race, color, national origin, sex, and religion.
16. Under Title VII, an employer may not discriminate with regard to any term, condition, or privilege of employment. Areas that may give rise to violations include recruiting, hiring, promoting, transferring, training, disciplining, discharging, assigning work, measuring performance, or providing benefits.
17. Title VII applies to employers, such as Defendant, in the private sector that has 15 or more employees. Title VII is enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Defendant, having over 100 employees in the private sector, is subject to

the same expectations as other public or private sector employers, in regards to the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as federal law.

18. No person employed by a company covered by Title VII, or applying to work for that company, can be denied employment or treated differently with regard to any workplace decision on the basis of perceived racial, religious, national, sexual, or religious characteristics.
19. Plaintiff has experienced, including but not limited to, mental anguish, loss wages, deteriorated relationships and has had an onslaught of panic-attacks and been diagnosed with major depression connected to the events of factual nexus stemming from the discriminatory treatment perpetuated by Defendant.
20. The **employer (Defendant)** is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondeat superior for the wrongful conduct of its employee (Plaintiff); and (2) the **employer (Defendant)** is directly liable to the **plaintiff** because of the **employer's** direct or indirect gross **negligence**, recklessness, wantonness or willfulness.

See attachment.

(Note: As additional support for the facts of your claim, you may attach to this complaint a copy of your charge filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, or the charge filed with the relevant state or city human rights division.)

IV. Exhaustion of Federal Administrative Remedies

- A. It is my best recollection that I filed a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or my Equal Employment Opportunity counselor regarding the defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct on (date) 11/03/2021

- B. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (check one):

☐

has not issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter.

☒

issued a Notice of Right to Sue letter, which I received on (date) 11/09/2021 .

(Note: Attach a copy of the Notice of Right to Sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to this complaint.)

- C. Only litigants alleging age discrimination must answer this question.

Since filing my charge of age discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding the defendant's alleged discriminatory conduct (check one):

☐

60 days or more have elapsed.

☐

less than 60 days have elapsed.

V. Relief

State briefly and precisely what damages or other relief the plaintiff asks the court to order. Do not make legal arguments. Include any basis for claiming that the wrongs alleged are continuing at the present time. Include the amounts of any actual damages claimed for the acts alleged and the basis for these amounts. Include any punitive or exemplary damages claimed, the amounts, and the reasons you claim you are entitled to actual or punitive money damages.

[ATTACHMENT]

RE: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT for the Northern District of Illinois – Eastern Division

Plaintiff(s):

Charles Hurt

VS.

Defendant(s):

ScriptPro LLC

RE: PAGE 5 OF **COMPLAINT OF EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION**

PRAYER OF RELIEF:

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court:

A. Issue a declaratory judgment that Defendant's termination of Plaintiff's employment (a) constitutes federal legal action as a result of being in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and (b) violates Plaintiff's constitutional rights.

Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein. Wherein the matter in controversy, either due in whole or part to Defendant's negligence, malicious intent and/or intentional illegal actions, has adversely affected Plaintiff, Plaintiff requests monetary relief in an amount in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

B. Issue injunctive relief compelling Defendant to process an award to Plaintiff in excess of the sum or value of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), no later than December 31, 2021.

C. Encourage or prompt Defendants to train staff in accordance with EEOC guidelines for a safe, productive discrimination-free work environment.

D. Encourage or prompt Defendants to implement concrete, anti-discrimination policies into company's employment agreement.

E. Award attorney's fees, costs, and expenses of all litigation in accordance with law.

F. Grant all such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

VI. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

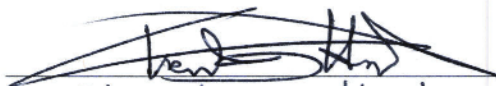
A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: 12-01-2021

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name of Plaintiff


Charles Hurt

B. For Attorneys

Date of signing: _____

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

Street Address

State and Zip Code

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

EEOC Form 5 (11/09)

CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION This form is affected by the Privacy Act of 1974. See enclosed Privacy Act Statement and other information before completing this form.		Charge Presented To: Agency(ies) Charge No(s): <input type="checkbox"/> FEPA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EEOC 563-2021-02566	
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS and EEOC <i>State or local Agency, if any</i>			
Name (indicate Mr., Ms., Mrs.) MR. CHARLES HURT		Home Phone (773) 680-9695	Year of Birth
Street Address City, State and ZIP Code 2230 S KEDZIE AVE., APT 2R, CHICAGO, IL 60623			
Named is the Employer, Labor Organization, Employment Agency, Apprenticeship Committee, or State or Local Government Agency That I Believe Discriminated Against Me or Others. (If more than two, list under PARTICULARS below.)			
Name SCRIPTPRO		No. Employees, Members 501+	Phone No.
Street Address City, State and ZIP Code 5828 REEDS RD, MISSION, KS 66202			
Name		No. Employees, Members	Phone No.
Street Address City, State and ZIP Code			
DISCRIMINATION BASED ON (Check appropriate box(es).) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COLOR <input type="checkbox"/> SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NATIONAL ORIGIN <input type="checkbox"/> RETALIATION <input type="checkbox"/> AGE <input type="checkbox"/> DISABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> GENETIC INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)		DATE(S) DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE Earliest Latest 06-01-2021 08-16-2021 <input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUING ACTION	
THE PARTICULARS ARE (If additional paper is needed, attach extra sheet(s)): In or around June 2021, I applied for a Training Specialist position at Respondent. In or around July 2021, I received a verbal job offer. On August 16, 2021, I was informed I would not be hired. I believe I have been discriminated against because of my race, Black, color, orangish, national origin, American, and my religion, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.			
I want this charge filed with both the EEOC and the State or local Agency, if any. I will advise the agencies if I change my address or phone number and I will cooperate fully with them in the processing of my charge in accordance with their procedures. I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct.		NOTARY - When necessary for State and Local Agency Requirements I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE (month, day, year)	
Digitally signed by Charles Hurt on 11-03-2021 02:52 PM EDT			

CP Enclosure with EEOC Form 5 (11/09)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: Under the Privacy Act of 1974, Pub. Law 93-579, authority to request personal data and its uses are:

- 1. FORM NUMBER/TITLE/DATE.** EEOC Form 5, Charge of Discrimination (11/09).
- 2. AUTHORITY.** 42 U.S.C. 2000e-5(b), 29 U.S.C. 211, 29 U.S.C. 626, 42 U.S.C. 12117, 42 U.S.C. 2000ff-6.
- 3. PRINCIPAL PURPOSES.** The purposes of a charge, taken on this form or otherwise reduced to writing (whether later recorded on this form or not) are, as applicable under the EEOC anti-discrimination statutes (EEOC statutes), to preserve private suit rights under the EEOC statutes, to invoke the EEOC's jurisdiction and, where dual-filing or referral arrangements exist, to begin state or local proceedings.
- 4. ROUTINE USES.** This form is used to provide facts that may establish the existence of matters covered by the EEOC statutes (and as applicable, other federal, state or local laws). Information given will be used by staff to guide its mediation and investigation efforts and, as applicable, to determine, conciliate and litigate claims of unlawful discrimination. This form may be presented to or disclosed to other federal, state or local agencies as appropriate or necessary in carrying out EEOC's functions. A copy of this charge will ordinarily be sent to the respondent organization against which the charge is made.
- 5. WHETHER DISCLOSURE IS MANDATORY; EFFECT OF NOT GIVING INFORMATION.** Charges must be reduced to writing and should identify the charging and responding parties and the actions or policies complained of. Without a written charge, EEOC will ordinarily not act on the complaint. Charges under Title VII, the ADA or GINA must be sworn to or affirmed (either by using this form or by presenting a notarized statement or unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury); charges under the ADEA should ordinarily be signed. Charges may be clarified or amplified later by amendment. It is not mandatory that this form be used to make a charge.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHT REVIEW

Charges filed at a state or local Fair Employment Practices Agency (FEPA) that dual-files charges with EEOC will ordinarily be handled first by the FEPA. Some charges filed at EEOC may also be first handled by a FEPA under worksharing agreements. You will be told which agency will handle your charge. When the FEPA is the first to handle the charge, it will notify you of its final resolution of the matter. Then, if you wish EEOC to give Substantial Weight Review to the FEPA's final findings, you must ask us in writing to do so within 15 days of your receipt of its findings. Otherwise, we will ordinarily adopt the FEPA's finding and close our file on the charge.

NOTICE OF NON-RETALIATION REQUIREMENTS

Please **notify** EEOC or the state or local agency where you filed your charge **if retaliation is taken against you or others** who oppose discrimination or cooperate in any investigation or lawsuit concerning this charge. Under Section 704(a) of Title VII, Section 4(d) of the ADEA, Section 503(a) of the ADA and Section 207(f) of GINA, it is unlawful for an *employer* to discriminate against present or former employees or job applicants, for an *employment agency* to discriminate against anyone, or for a *union* to discriminate against its members or membership applicants, because they have opposed any practice made unlawful by the statutes, or because they have made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an

investigation, proceeding, or hearing under the laws. The Equal Pay Act has similar provisions and Section 503(b) of the ADA prohibits coercion, intimidation, threats or interference with anyone for exercising or enjoying, or aiding or encouraging others in their exercise or enjoyment of, rights under the Act.